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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DAVIES**, on January 24, 2001 at
8:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Davies, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jack Wells, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Cyndie Lockett, Committee Secretary
Amy Sassano, OBPP

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Department of Transportation,
1/24/2001
Executive Action:

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HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chairman Davies was absent and **Sen. Wells** called the meeting to order. **John Blacker, Maintenance of the Department of Transportation** continued where he left off the day before.

Mr. Black talked about DP 11 and that the decision package should be for all rest areas not just non-interstate rest areas.

Sen. Wells asked **Sen. Stapleton** if he received the handout on overtime. **Sen. Stapleton** said yes and then **Mr. DeWitt** asked to explain the sheet he handed out. **EXHIBIT(jgh19a01)** **Mr. DeWitt** stated that the benefits are not included in the figures **EXHIBIT(jgh19a02)**. **Sen. McCarthy** said there is no wage increases factored in on this overtime sheet. **Sen. Stapleton** asked if **Mr. DeWitt** could define the sheet even more. **Mr. DeWitt** said he would break it down even more and give it to the subcommittee on Wednesday.

Mr. Blacker stated that the agency wishes to drop new proposal DP 1 **EXHIBIT(jgh19a03)**.

Mr. Blacker said the radio cost was about \$1009.00 a piece. **Sen. Wells** asked how many radios actually they are asking for. **Mr. Blacker** said 60 radios for the Bozeman district and 100 for the Butte district. **Mr. Blacker** also stated that there is a little less than 2000 radios in the agency.

Mr. Blacker discussed new proposals DP 5 and DP 8.

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Mr. Blacker finished up with the Maintenance Program and asked the subcommittee to refer to the language, "All appropriations in the maintenance program are biennial."

Rep. Lindeen asked one question before **Mr. Blacker** moved on to the next program and that was if DP 3 could fall under one time only. **Mr. Blacker** responded yes that would be fine.

HEARING ON STATE MOTOR POOL

Mr. Blacker went into the next program, which was the State Motor Pool. He explained this program and stated that Table 7A was incorrect and that he was using the Table on the top of page A-

93. He also provided a notebook, **EXHIBIT(jgh19a05)** to **Cyndie Lockett, Committee Secretary**. This notebook has a lot of information on the Department of Transportation cars.

Rep. Lindeen asked if the subcommittee approves these rates will the subcommittee have to adjust other agencies rates.

Amy Sassano, OBPP replied to **Rep. Lindeen's** question. The budget office endorses the new rate, but it does support adjustments agency budgets for the increase. The budget office feels there is room in the agency budgets to absorb the new rates.

Mr. Blacker started discussing page A-93 involving significant present laws. He passed out a handout on the cars that they have **EXHIBIT(jgh19a04)**.

Mr. Blacker moved to page A-94 and discussed the new proposals.

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Mr. Blacker continued with new proposals. Then he moved to the Equipment Program, found on page A-98. He explained PL 1, 2, and 3 and NP 1 and 2.

Sen. Stapleton asked **Mr. Blacker** what is behind the increases in overtime/differential for FY 2002 and FY 2003 from FY 2000. **Sen. Stapleton** was looking at **EXHIBIT (1)**. **Mr. Blacker** replied he was unsure. **Mr. DeWitt** said he could improve the overtime/differential worksheet.

Mrs. Sassano asked **Mr. DeWitt** if he would include benefits in his revised overtime/differential worksheet. **Mr. DeWitt** said he would do that.

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Mr. Blacker continued with the NP 2 found on page A-100. **Mr. Blacker** also asked for the language to be passed regarding the 60-day working capital (bottom of A-100). **Mr. DeWitt** referred to **EXHIBIT (5)** which is a Montana Department of Transportation Equipment & Motor Pool Programs Notebook. He gave the subcommittee two more handouts **EXHIBIT(jgh19a06)**, **EXHIBIT(jgh19a07)**.

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Drew Livesay, Motor Carrier Services began discussing his program.

Sen. Stapleton asked what **Mr. Livesay** does with the extra money allocated for overtime. **Mr. Livesay** said it was used for training. **Sen. Stapleton** did not agree with using this money for training.

Discussion took place regarding the difference between the Montana Highway Patrol and **Mr. Livesay's** people in Motor Carrier Services.

Mr. Livesay talked about DP 3. **Sen. McCarthy** wondered why if its something they need all the time why its not in their base budget.

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Discussion continued with DP 4 and DP 5, which are found on page A-102.

Mr. Livesay stated that new proposal DP 1 is for International Registration Plan (IRP) Clearinghouse Dues and should be \$10,000 instead of \$13,000.

Mr. Livesay to explain present law DP 3 if it could be put in the base instead of a making it one-time-only.

AERONAUTICS

Mike Ferguson, Aeronautics Division Administrator, talked about his program and its history. He also talked about what they do. He then explained his DP's on page A-105. He gave a handout on the communities receiving aeronautics loans and grants

EXHIBIT (jgh19a08) .

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

REP. BOB DAVIES, Chairman

CYNDIE LOCKETT, Secretary

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